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A Beaverton man was taken into custody early this afternoon shortly after a Bank of America was robbed.

Police were responding to an alarm at the Bank of America located at 14400 SW Allen Ave. shortly after 1:00P when a phone call from within the bank confirmed that a robbery had just taken place. A brief description of the suspect auto was broadcast.

An officer responding to the alarm observed a vehicle matching the suspect auto description turn down a side street only blocks from the bank and followed him into the parking lot of the Beaverton Christian Church (SW Allen/Wilson).

A high risk traffic stop was conducted and the suspect was taken into custody.

According to witnesses at the bank, the suspect entered wearing a disguise which consisted of a knit cap and bandana around his face. He displayed an unknown caliber handgun and ordered all within the bank to move away from the teller area save one employee who he ordered to fill a bag with money from the money drawers. He then obtained money from the vault.

The suspect approached a 51 year old Beaverton man who was a customer in the bank and demanded the keys to his car. The suspect then fled the bank in the customer's car and drove it to where he had stashed another car (church parking lot).

The 54 year old suspect was remanded to the custody of federal authorities and will appear before a federal magistrate soon on a host of charges.

